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REATIONS OF NEA STEERING COMMITTEE, APRIL 25, 1975

REF: (A) STATE 106619, (B) SUM/DEC.48 - SUMMARY OF
DECISIONS OF APRIL 25 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, (C)
OECD PARIS 10685, (D) TELECON PROCHNIK-KRAMISH, MAY 12

1. COPIES OF RF (B) - SUMMARY DECISIONS HAVE BEEN
AIR-POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. ONE COPY HANDCARRIED
BY PROCHNIK. PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF (B) - "ORAL REPORT ON
PENDING QUESTIONS" - DEALS WITH THAT PART OF STEERING
COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION COVERING NEA/IEA RELATIONSHIPS.
SPECIAL MEETING OF NEA STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE
SCHEDULED BETWEEN JUNE 20 AND JUNE 27 TO DISCUSS THIS
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MATTER IN DETAIL.

2. IN ORDER, SWEDISH, JAPANESE, FRENCH, SWISS, ITALIAN, PORTUGUESE, CANADIAN, SPANISH AND AUSTRIAN DELEGATES ALL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NEA BE NEITHER DEPRIVED OF ITS ESTABLISHED ROLE IN OECD NUCLEAR R & D PROGRAMS, NOR DRAINED OF ITS RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF IEA PROGRAMS. PARTICULAR CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED THAT NEA/IEA OVERLAP BE AVOIDED IN PROGRAMS WHERE NEA HAD SEVERAL YEARS OF ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE, SPECIFICALLY RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND NUCLEAR SAFETY.

3. MAJOR STATEMENT WAS MADE BY FRENCH DELEGATE, MLE LOMBARD-PLATTET (FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL), ESSENTIALS OF WHICH, WITH SUPPORTING COMMENTS BY OTHER DELEGATES, FORMED BASIS OF REF (B) PARAGRAPH 4. HER POINTS WERE THAT (A) WORKING RELATIONSHIPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN NEA AND IEA, (B) NEA'S STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS TO IEA PROJECTS ARE A DRAIN ON NEA RESOURCES, (C) THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD THEREFORE REVIEW SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO ESTABLISH HOW FAR THEY ARE COMPATIBLE WITH NEA'S OWN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, (D) THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE JURISDICTIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR BETWEEN NEA AND IEA, (E) THIS SHOULD BE BEFORE THE JUNE 30 DEADLINE FOR A DECISION BY THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD ON THE IEA R AND D WORK PROGRAM, INCLUDING THAT OF THREE SUB GROUPS ON NUCLEAR FUSION, REACTOR SAFETY AND WASTE DISPOSAL RESPECTIVELY, (F) IF NOT, THE NEA WILL BE PREEMPTED IN THESE THREE AREAS, BECOMING BY WAY OF A SUB-CONTRACTOR TO IEA, WITH NO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION OVER IMPLEMENTATION - IE., A TAKE-IT OR LEAVE-IT SITUATION, (G) NUCLEAR SAFETY AND WASTE DISPOSAL ARE TRADITIONAL FOR NEA, WHICH SHOULD RETAIN EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION FOR PROGRAMMING IN THESE AND SIMILAR AREAS, WHERE PRODUCTIVE WORK HAS BEEN AND IS STILL CARRIED ON.

4. MISSION WILL INFORM SOONEST RE PRECISE DATE OF NEA STEERING COMMITTEE'S SPECIAL SESSION, TO BE HELD UNCLASSIFIED

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